

CTP Project Proposal

Project Description & Overview

The proposed project (Local ID: SURR0001-H) is to widen US 601 from a two-lane facility to a four-lane boulevard from south of I-74 to East Atkins Street (SR 1100). The proposed improvements to US 601 will alleviate congestion between Mount Airy and Dobson. The CTP recommendation would provide a LOS D or better along this section of US 601.

Relationship to Land Use Plans

The 2006 Surry County Land Use Plan 2015 indicates this currently rural area will remain fairly rural in the nature, with the exception of anticipated commercial growth along US 601. Land use control along this corridor is split between Dobson and Surry County. The area along the corridor, between Mount Airy and Dobson has limited potential for commercial nodes at major intersections. Primarily residential development is expected to occur along this corridor.

Linkages to Other Plans and Proposed Project History

Surry County developed the I-74/US 601 Small Area Plan in 2003, which was also included in the 2006 Surry County Land Use Plan 2015. This plan proposed the expansion of this two-lane facility to a four-lane, divided, controlled access facility due to close proximity to existing and planned commercial and residential developments.

The 1998 Mount Airy Thoroughfare Plan first recommended the improvement of US 601 to a multi-lane facility.

Natural & Human Environmental Context

Based on a planning level environmental assessment using available GIS data, parts of the project are within the critical water supply watershed. The project also crosses the Fisher River.

Multimodal Considerations

There CTP includes recommendations for adding transit service along US 601 between Dobson and Mount Airy.

Public/ Stakeholder Involvement

US 601 was identified as a congested route in the goals and objective survey conducted for the CTP. Additionally 49% of respondents identified US 601 as a road on which they would like improved access.